

*Welcome MCHS
Class of 2025*



*Rising Freshmen Student & Parent
Information Session*

INTRODUCTIONS

MCHS Administration

Ms. Betty-Jo Wynham, Principal

Mr. Mike Sacra, Asst. Principal

Mr. Keith Slezak, Activities Dir.

MCHS School Counseling Department

Mrs. Chelsea Cummings, School Counselor (A-J)

Mrs. Torie Knighton, School Counseling Director (K-Z)

Mrs. Michelle Beverage, Career Coach,

Germanna Community College

Ms. Karen Teal, Counseling Secretary/Registrar

Middle School
vs.
High School

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- *Year-long* English & Math, *Semester* Science & Social Studies
- Promotion policy
- Grade level classes

HIGH SCHOOL

- 4x4 Block Schedule
- Credits must be *earned* for promotion
- Mixed-grade classes
- Homework
- YOU are responsible for your own behavior & learning!

Diploma Types



Standard

- 4 English
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 H/PE
- 1 Econ & Personal Fin.
- 2 Foreign Lang. OR Fine Arts OR CTE
- 4 Electives

22 Total Credits

5 Verified Credits

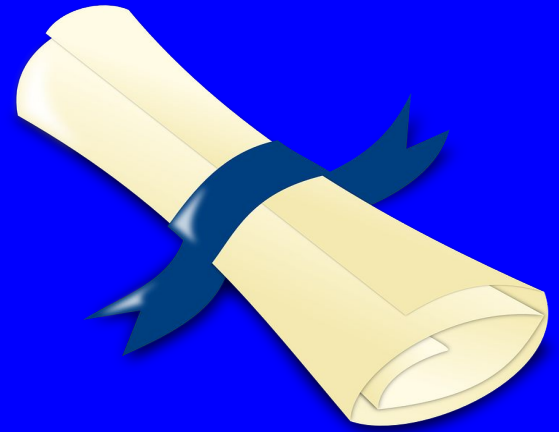
Advanced Studies

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 Social Studies
- 2 H/PE
- 1 Econ & Personal Fin.
- 3 Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Arts OR CTE
- 3 Electives

26 Total Credits

5 Verified Credits

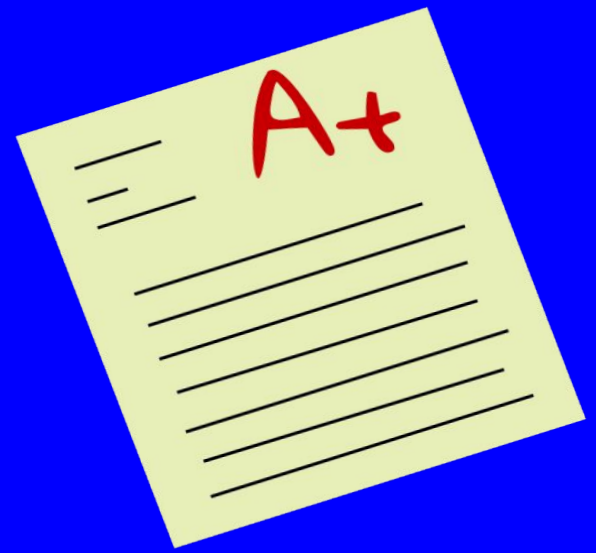
What is a Credit?



A **CREDIT** is earned upon the successful completion of a course with a final semester grade of 65% (D-) or higher.

A **VERIFIED CREDIT** is earned when the course is passed with a minimum of 65% **AND** the End-of-Course SOL test is taken and a score of 400 or higher is achieved.

Grading



- 9 weeks grading unit (Quarter)
- Quarter progress reporting (Interims)
- Final Semester Grade is determined by:

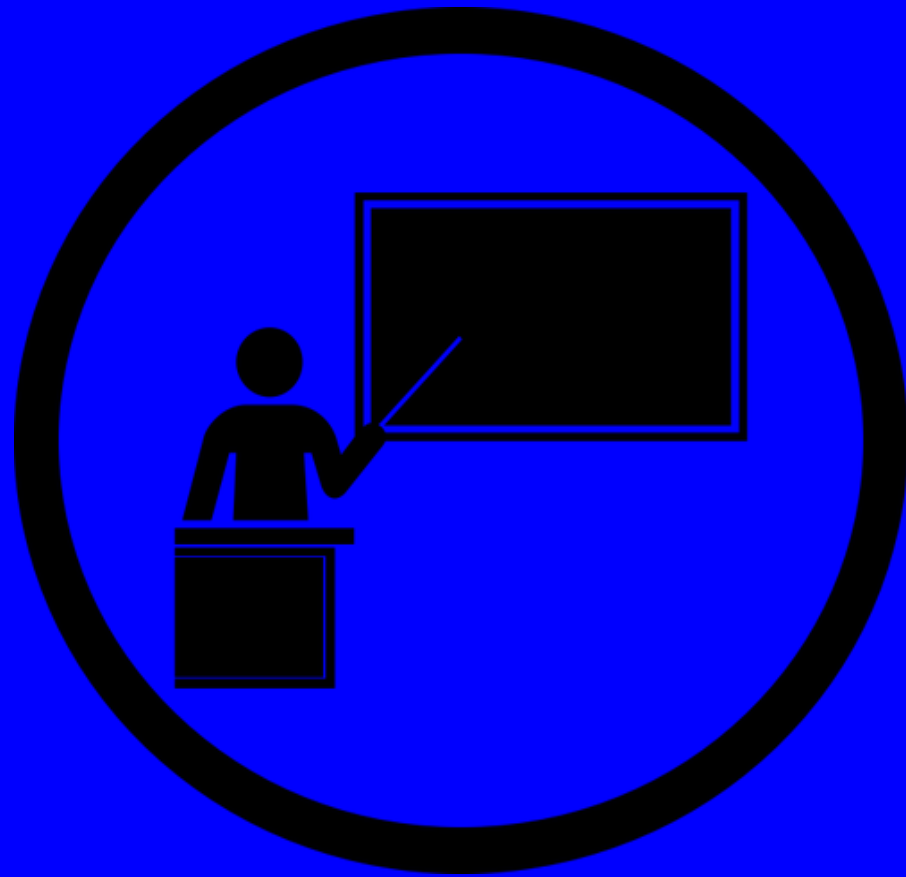
Q1: 45%

Q2: 45%

Exam: 10%

Final Semester Grade

What is evaluated in a class?



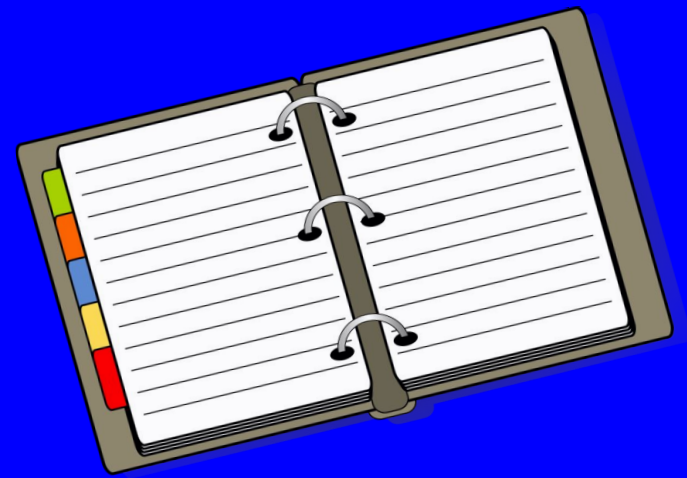
- Homework
- Participation
- Daily classwork
- Quizzes & Tests
- Projects
- Presentations
- Long-term assignments

*High School
Credits Earned
at WMS*

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Spanish I
Earth Science



4 x 4 *SAMPLE* 9th Grade Schedule



Semester 1

- 1] English 9
- 2] Math (SOL)
- 3] Elective
- 4] Elective

Semester 2

- 1] World History I (SOL)
- 2] Science (SOL)
- 3] Health/P.E. I
- 4] Elective

*End-of-Course
SOL Tests*

MATH:

Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II

SCIENCE:

Earth Science, Biology & Chemistry

SOCIAL STUDIES:

World History I, World History II & VA./U.S. History

ENGLISH:

Reading & Writing (Taken during English 11)

Promotion



At MCHS, student promotions are made in January and June after final grades are stored.

MCHS Promotion Policy:

- 9th to 10th grade: 6 credits, including 1 for English 9, and 1 verified credit.
- 10th to 11th grade: 13 credits, including 1 for English 10, and 3 verified credits.
- 11th to 12th grade: at LEAST 16 credits with 3 English credits and 4 verified credits.

Course Placement

Honors Courses Available:

- English
- World History I
- Biology

Math

Electives (CTE - Fine Arts - Foreign Language)



VHSL Eligibility



SPORTS

Fall:

Football, Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball & Cheerleading

Winter:

Wrestling, Basketball, Swim & Dive & Cheerleading

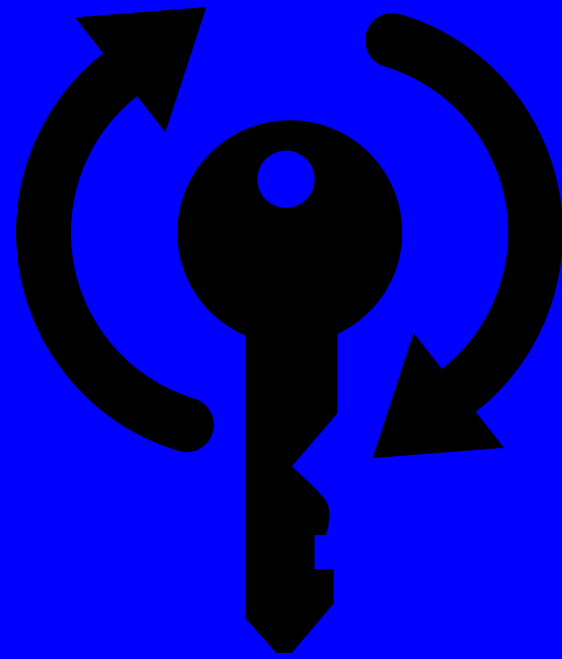
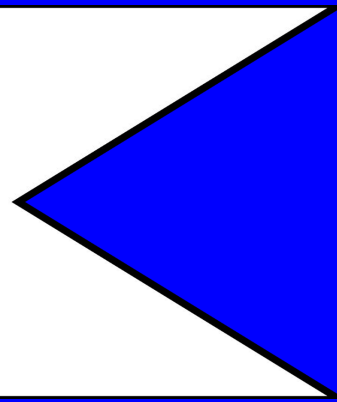
Spring:

Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Track & Field

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Band, Forensics & MAHI Yearbook

The Keys to Success



Hard work

Perseverance

Optimism

Self-control

Strong character

Respect

(For Self & Others)

Integrity

(Doing the Right Thing)

More Important Than IQ, GPA or Test Scores!

Enroll. Enlist. Employ.



To register at a
community college,
university, or trade
school



To join one of
the six
branches of the
U.S. military



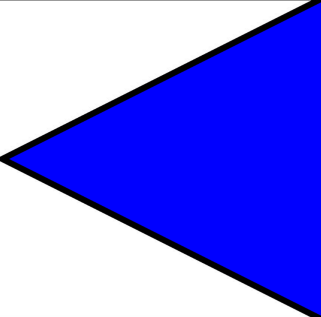
To become a
part of the
workforce.



Mrs. Michelle Beverage *Career Coach*



Career Coaching at MCHS



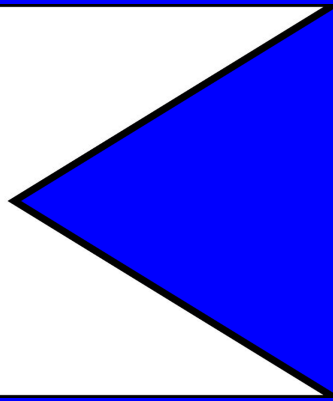
Career Exploration: What career is best for me? Take assessments to evaluate my skills & interests.

Education/Training: Should I attend a trade/vocational school? Would a 2 year associate's degree work for me? How about an apprenticeship or certificate program?

Job Skills: I need help filling out an application. I need a resume! What do I wear to my interview next week? What are the soft skills employers are looking for?

Meet one-on-one with Mrs. Beverage to make a plan!
Contact Mrs. Beverage at mbeverage@madisonschools.k12.va.us

Preparing for Life After High School



- Graduate with CHOICES!
- Either diploma makes a student eligible for community college, career/trade school, or military enlistment.
- Advanced Studies diploma prepares students for a 4-year college/university
- Begin planning & talking with your families now about what you want to be doing five years from now!

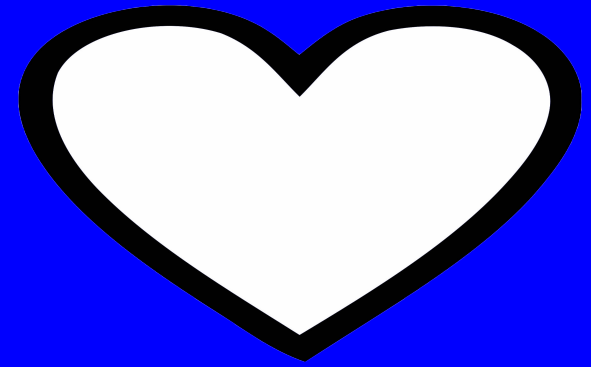
*Support for
Families*



Parents of High Schoolers Have Worries Too!

- Puberty/Adolescence
 - Peer Pressure
- Less Communication
- Being Disconnected
 - Feeling Irrelevant

Ways to Support Your Student



- Encourage *self-confidence* and *patience* as new relationships are built.
- Help your child find an extracurricular group/activity at MCHS or in the community.
- Help with *the balancing act* between academics, activities and social life.
- Monitor social media and screen time!
- If you discover that your child is *struggling* academically, socially, emotionally, or with other serious concerns, get help from a trusted adult, teacher, school counselor or administrator.



"If a child can do
ADVANCED MATH,
speak 3 LANGUAGES, or
receive TOP GRADES,
but can't *manage their
emotions,*
practice *conflict resolution,*
or
handle *stress,*
none of this other stuff is
really going to matter."

Common Freshmen Concerns

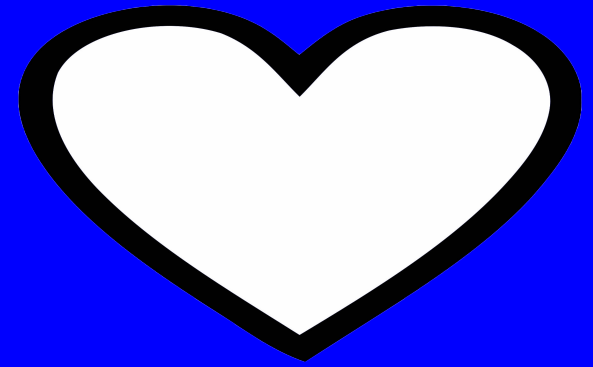


LUNCHES



- Do we have different lunch periods?
- Can we choose our own lunch period?
- Where do we sit at lunch?
- What if I don't have lunch with my friends?

*Dear
Freshmen ...*

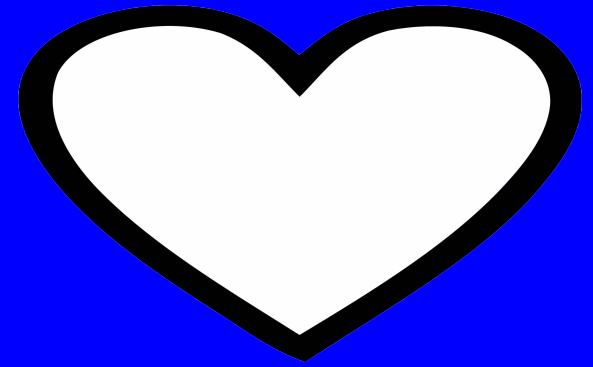


Valuable Advice that I wish I had received
EARLIER.

“Stop trying to please everyone around you.
High school is your time to grow, learn & evolve.
Do what makes you happy & don't let people
drag you down!”

“Try to enjoy every day of high school - time flies!”

*Dear
Freshmen ...*



*If I could tell a Freshman **ONE THING**
it would be:*

“Never be afraid to ask questions.”

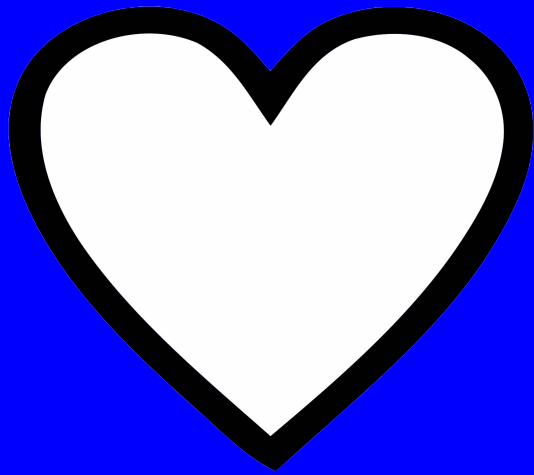
“Enjoy every moment!”

“Choose your friends wisely.”

“Don’t worry about what others think.”

*Dear
Freshmen ...*

*Class of
2025*



- THINK before you POST!
 - Stay Informed!
- Check your school email EVERY DAY! Yes, every day!
 - Get INVOLVED!
- Check in with your School Counselor with any questions or concerns – we're here to help!

Next Steps

- Review the [MCHS 21-22 Course of Studies](#)
- Talk to your teachers and/or school counselor about courses you are interested in.
- Log into Student Portal in PowerSchool and submit your course requests for next year.

Online Scheduling Window: 4/12 - 4/16

Online Course Registration



*Students will complete their 2021-2022 Course Requests
online through PowerSchool.*

- Log into Student Portal.
- On the left, select Class Registration.
- Follow the instructions to make course selections for core academic courses and elective choices.

PowerSchool Online Student Course
Registration Tutorial



Thank
You